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The following are free software programmes. Open Office is a good alternative to Microsoft Office

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## Open Office

OpenOffice.org 2.0 is easy to use and fluidly interoperable with every major office suite, OpenOffice.org 2.0 realises the potential of open source. With new features, advanced XML capabilities and native support for the OASIS Standard OpenDocument format, OpenOffice.org 2.0 gives users around the globe the tools to be engaged and productive members of their society. It is a very big programme to download.

<http://www.openoffice.org/>



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## Abiword

AbiWord is a free word processing program similar to Microsoft® Word. It is suitable for a wide variety of word processing tasks.

<http://www.abisource.com/>



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## Firefox

Firefox empowers you to browse faster, more safely and more efficiently than with any other browser

<http://www.mozilla.org/products/firefox/>



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## Spybot - Search and Destroy

Spybot - Search & Destroy can detect and remove spyware of different kinds from your computer. Spyware is a relatively new kind of threat that common anti-virus applications do not yet cover. If you see new toolbars in your Internet Explorer that you didn't intentionally install, if your browser crashes, or if your browser start page has changed without your knowing, you most probably have spyware. But even if you don't see anything, you may be infected, because more and more spyware is emerging that is silently tracking your surfing behaviour to create a marketing profile of you that will be sold to advertisement companies

<http://www.safer-networking.org/en/download/>



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## PDF Creator

PDFCreator easily creates PDFs from any Windows program. Use it like a printer in Word, StarCalc or any other Windows application.

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/pdfcreator/>



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## The GIMP

GIMP is the GNU Image Manipulation Program. It is a freely distributed piece of software for such tasks as photo retouching, image composition and image authoring. It works on many operating systems, in many languages. This is the official GIMP web site. It contains information about downloading, installing, using, and enhancing it. This site also serves as a distribution point for the latest releases. We try to provide as much information about the GIMP community and related projects as possible. Hopefully you will find what you need here.

<http://www.gimp.org/>



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## Paint.Net

Paint.NET is image and photo manipulation software designed to be used on computers that run Windows 2000, XP, Vista, or Server 2003. It supports layers, unlimited undo, special effects, and a wide variety of useful and powerful tools.



<http://www.eecs.wsu.edu/paint.net/index.html>

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## Audacity

Audacity is free, open source software for recording and editing sounds. It is available for Mac OS X, Microsoft Windows, GNU/Linux, and other operating systems.



<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

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## 7-Zip

7-Zip is a file archiver with high compression ratio.  
7-Zip is free software distributed under the GNU LGPL.



<http://www.7-zip.org/>

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## Game Maker

Have you ever wanted to be able to design computer games, but didn't want to spend countless hours learning how to become a programmer? Then you've come to the right place. Game Maker is a program that allows you to make exciting computer games, without the need to write a single line of code. Making games with Game Maker is a lot of fun. Using easy to learn drag-and-drop actions, you can create professional looking games within very little time.



<http://www.gamemaker.nl/>

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